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Phil Link received word this week that his brother's body, with that of his pilot's, were re-interred in Reichswald Forest, British Military Cemetery, three miles south-west of Cleve, Germany.

Pilot Officer Rudolph Walter Link's grave is in Plot 17, Row F, Grave No. 16. His pilot, Pilot Officer Alexander, lies beside him in Grave No. 15. They were originally buried in Munster, Germany.

Many friends will remember that it was on January 31, 1944, that the late Mrs. Anna Link received word that her son Rudolph was missing in air operations on January 28.

He went overseas in November, 1942. In July the family received official word through the International Red Cross in Germany that Rudolph had been killed in action January 28 and was buried in Germany, the location of his grave being Grave No. 6/1 Sield SA Communal Cemetery at Mort, 30 miles south-west of Munster, Germany.

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Judging from the above, it would appear that for once almost everyone is in agreement on the hall question. As just about everyone in the district could be included in one or another of the above associations. However, it will take a lot more cash than this to put the project over, and the committee would still like to see some donations offered by some individuals. The Village Council would also like to have someone make an offer on the \$3,000 debenture they intend to apply for on this same purpose.

School Meeting

The usual lack of interest in school affairs was again manifest at the annual meeting of this sub-division of the Calgary School Division No. 41, which was held at Crossfield on Friday last. There is not much that can be done at these meetings and with no auditor's report available the financial end of the affairs cannot even be discussed. At the meeting a year ago, a resolution was passed asking that the dates of either the meetings or the audit be moved but apparently nothing has been done.

Dedication Service

Last Sunday, December 12, in connection with the regular service in the United Church, the new Minshall organ was dedicated.

The instrument was presented to the congregation in behalf of the church board and the canvas committee by Mr. W. Hurt. Then came the solemn dedication and at the close of which the congregation sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling-place."

In connection with the service, there was Holy Communion and reception of new members. Following persons united with the church on this occasion: Mr. & Mrs. H. Bellam, Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. L. Beckler, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Fleming; Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Fox; Mr. & Mrs. Norman Johnson; and Mrs. I. Thompson.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

IN THE ESTATE of Alfred McMillan, late of the Village of Crossfield, in the Province of Alberta, Ret'd. Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Alfred McMillan, who died on the 11th day of June, A.D. 1948, are required to file with the executor, Henry McDonald and Ed. Meyers, care of their solicitors, Lipsett and Collier, 310 Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary, Alta., by the First day of February, A.D. 1949, a full statement of the nature of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to their knowledge.

DATED at Calgary, Alta., this Eighth day of December, A.D. 1948.
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Of Local Interest

Mrs. C. Fox is back home after spending the past three weeks in the General hospital.

Christmas Seal your mail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baird of Three Hills paid a short call on Frances Leggon en route home after spending their honeymoon in California.

Miss Berli Thompson of Calgary, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mike Charnay is driving a new Oldsmobile.

Miss Lucille Mason spent last week-end visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Mason.

Crossfield had to get into the hockey picture somehow, and after failing to make the Rosebud League, formed another league and will play as per schedule to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Honoring Eldon Stafford on the occasion of his birthday on Saturday last, a dinner party for 14 guests was held at the home of his father, W. W. Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilks and son, Vernon, of Calgary, spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thompson.

W. Payne and W. A. Austin of Didsbury, were in town on Tuesday, getting the village signatures on the brief which the towns and villages between Calgary and Red Deer are submitting to the Alberta Natural Gas Commission. This brief sets out the fact that these places are not now served with gas, shows approximately what might be used by them, and asks that they be supplied before any gas is allowed to be exported out of the province.

The Dospound Sunday School program will be held on Sunday, December 26, at 3 p.m.

The Crossfield Baptist Sunday School program will be held on Thursday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m.

It is just cold even for anything to happen around here these days, and everyone is staying close to the stove whenever possible.

No Anxious Editors

Well, so far, we have not needed any police to regulate the crowd of applicants for the job of editing this paper. As a matter of fact, no one has offered or even hinted that they would be willing to take it over, although we did hear one or two expressions of regret that we might be left without a paper. That is just what is going to happen, and we doubt that it can ever be started up again if it is allowed to die. But if no one wants to run it then there is nothing we can do about it.

Undoubtedly a newspaper is an asset to any community and this district should be large enough to support one, although actually, one could never have a very large number of subscribers; we just don't have the people, but there are times when the local paper is the only way to get something or other before everyone in the district. We have tried our best to give the district a paper, but somehow it just did not go over, so perhaps if we could get some new blood into it, it could be revived. This is almost the last chance, so if anyone wants they will have to act at once.

Churches

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Evensong at 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Communion, Dec. 25 at 9 a.m.
Rev. A. B. Lea, Rector.

CROSSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister Rev. J. W. MacDonald
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Bible School 12 noon.
Prayer Service, Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Junior Service, Friday 7:00 p.m.
Y.P. Service, Friday 8 p.m.
Service at Dospound each Sunday, at 3 p.m.
Mt. View Hall each Sunday at 7:30

UNITED CHURCH
C. W. Anderson, Minister
Madden
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Carol Singing
Service at 12 o'clock noon.
Crossfield —
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Service at 7:30 p.m., Christmas Pageant

CARD OF THANKS

The members of the Elba Red Cross group wish to thank all those who helped to make the tea and bake sale a success, and especially to those who made such generous cash donations.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

COULD YOU REMEMBER?

By Matthew F. Christopher

She Had Never Been
Concerned About Him
In School, Or Had She?

HE WAS famous now, and he would not remember. If he did remember, he would pretend he didn't. He wasn't only Freddie Hampton of grade-school days, who used to sit behind her in classroom and run his fingers through her hair, and kid her about her upturned nose, and the empty spot in her mouth where a tooth was missing which you could see every time she laughed or smiled. He wasn't only that Freddie Hampton, in caps; the famous radio actor who had roles on three different shows.

It was like a fantastic dream, Cathy thought. She cherished the memory of those wonderful days. Perhaps it hadn't been so wonderful then, because she could remember, quite vividly, that Freddie's taunts had gotten on her nerves. "Pest!" She had called him that many times. She used to get so mad at him... Sitting before the radio, she laughed quietly to herself. Yes, it was funny to look back, like gazing through Grandma's and Grandpa's family album. Why should Freddie Hampton do this to her? She had never been concerned about him in school, or had she?

He was in town now, visiting his uncle. The senior class girls had really made a buzz about him. "Boy, is he cats!" Geraldine Arnold had commented, with eyes that rolled around big and round and well, beautiful. Geraldine had finished with a whistle.

Mary Carmel had suddenly become all a-dither. Mary had only lived here two years, and she had not known Freddie personally, but she had heard him many times on his radio programs. "O-o-o!" she had cried happily. "Did he speak to you, Geraldine?"

"Why, of course! He used to sit right across from me in school, didn't he?" As if Mary should have known.

He sat across from you, all right, Cathy thought; but I was the one who had sat directly in front of him. Whose hair he used to pull, and whose nose he used to make fun of. He never pestered you, Geraldine!

She could have said so much then, with all the girls around, but she hadn't. She had hardly said a word. She didn't think she had even smiled.

She gazed across at the Saturday afternoon sunshine that, making in a thin, golden veil around the chintz curtains into the room, as if to caress-drop on her thoughts. From the kitchen came the sound of her mother's baking the angel food cake for Sunday's dinner. Suddenly, she was embittered with the intense loneliness, and her mind wandered for a change of scenery. Not even the music from the radio—which generally helped to cure the blues—seemed to possess the same old, rare quality, that soothing warmth that almost invariably worked when she felt as she did today. She wanted to go out.

"Mother!" she said softly, but loud enough for her mother to hear. "I'm going out awhile."

"All right, dear!" her mother answered.

Cathy left the radio playing. She

picked up her black purse from the telephone stand, took out her gold-plated compact, and walked in front of the mirror. She touched her face lightly with the powder puff, examined her lips. She lifted her large, blue eyes in satisfaction. She put a long, slender finger through a curl and pushed it back slightly upon her head. Finally, she glanced at her nose. Darned, upturned thing, she thought.

She reached Lowermost Boulevard and for a few minutes stood under the shade of a cherry tree and looked out upon the vast, green lawn that arched down toward the blue, peaceful lake. There were small, green benches on the lawn, with sitters on most of them. There was a tree among all the rest—

It was a short tree. A maple. She looked at it, now, at the bench beneath it. There was someone sitting there, but once upon a time she used to sit there with Freddie Hampton. He'd have both arms draped upon the top of the bench, and one leg crossed over the other. And they'd look at the sailboats on the lake, feeling the soft, fresh breeze caressing their cheeks, blowing through her hair—the same breeze that ballooned the white sails and sent the tiny boats whipping over the blue water.

They would talk and talk, senseless things she could not even remember now, if she tried. Lots of it, though, she did remember, were about boats. Because Freddie had liked boats. All kinds of boats, sailboats, motor boats, canoes, yachts. He probably has earned enough by now, she thought, to own one of each kind.

She wanted to cross the boulevard to the other side. Took a step, changed her mind. Why continue being silly like that? she asked herself seriously. Why not go home, forget there ever was a Freddie Hampton, or is a Freddie Hampton?

There were no cars coming. She crossed the boulevard quickly. She stepped upon the curb; then the lawn, feeling it yield like a carpet under her feet. She felt the cool, brisk air against her cheeks, ruffling her hair a trifle. She tilted her head slightly, to get the benefit of the coolness on her warm throat.

She walked on slowly, quietly. She thought about stopping and lying down on the short-cropped grass, but she kept on walking.

Suddenly, she realized she wasn't far from the maple tree. The bench was beside it, with the man sitting on it, the sun painting a leafy pattern across his black hair and not-too-wide shoulders. He was looking out upon the lake. He looked kind of lonesome. Cathy gazed at the back of his neck.

She felt she saw that the man had his arms draped over the top of the bench, and that one leg was crossed over the other.

"Freddie!" she whispered, and her throat dried instantly.

He must have heard, because he turned around then, and a smile came over his face. A smile that brightened his brown eyes and put color in his cheeks, that seemed to breathe life into him.

"Cathy!" he exclaimed softly, and he stood up.

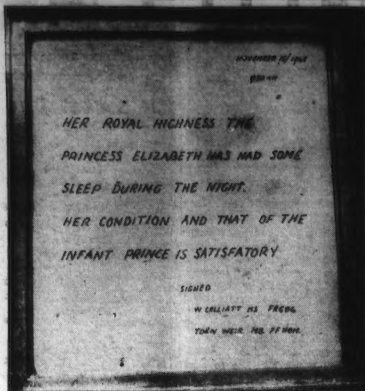
She seemed to be frozen to the lawn for a moment; but suddenly the roots that held her melted away and she broke toward him. Tears burned her eyes. But, oh, so happy tears! (Copyright Wheeler Newspaper Syndicate)

Canada's Tourist
Trade To Increase
Through Movies

VANCOUVER—Canada is due for increased tourist publicity through Hollywood movies. E. H. Baker, manager of Vancouver Tourist Association, told a meeting of the tourist group in Terminal City Club that the Federal Government is already in negotiation with the film industry toward this end.

The movie industry has agreed to give Canada increased presentation in news reels shown in the United States. At least one Canadian news story is to be contained in each week's American release.

Cucumbers originally came from southern Asia, and have been grown for more than 4,000 years. 2805



EVEN THE ROYAL "DOC" WAS UNDER A SPELL.—There was only one topic of conversation in England—throughout the British Empire for that matter—and that was the birth of a son to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Every scrap of information about the royal blessed event made headlines. Most concrete scrap of the day was the official bulletin issued by the royal obstetrician, W. Gilliat, and posted outside Buckingham Palace. The good "doc" seems to have been as excited as any other Briton for his spelling is a little off the beam. Note the word "satisfactory" in the bulletin.—S.N.S. Photo

Manitoba Still
To Retain One
Licence Plate

Two Canadian provinces—Manitoba and Quebec will retain the wartime licence plates for automobiles during 1949. British Columbia motor vehicles will sport deep yellow licence plates with black lettering. All kinds of boats, sailboats, motor boats, canoes, yachts. He probably has earned enough by now, she thought, to own one of each kind.

Manitoba's plates will be nearest, with black on ordinary yellow, and will share the colors with six states of the U.S.

Saskatchewan will issue two plates with coloring of deep maroon background and white letters.

Texas has gone everyone just a bit better. The cars will be tagged with gold plates bearing black letters.

THAT FOR SURE.

—YORKTON, Sask.—A case in court here centred around the ownership of a calf. "Whose heifer was it?" the defence lawyer asked. "The cow's," replied the witness.

SAFEGUARD DEER

NANAIMO, B.C.—Two fawns found in the woods are to spend the rest of their lives at a cougar-dog training school near here. The dogs will be taught to ignore them, thus when seeking cougar they will ignore deer scent.

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Mountains grow slowly. They grow a few inches in a thousand years, and are not pushed up suddenly in some great cataclysm.

Production On The Increase In
Southern Alberta By Irrigation

(By FORBES RHUDE, CP)

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—Sugar and steaks are contrasting products of Lethbridge, fast-growing city of the south of Alberta, and if you don't think they have much in common, read on. For that juicy steak you'll eat some time next year, right now is on the hoof in the Lethbridge feed yards, munching away on the pulp of sugar beets, after the sugar has been extracted.

It is an example of the rounded-out economy which is abounding.

Not so long ago, in the '80s, Lethbridge was founded on coal—and it still is around here in abundance. Also came cattle, because the buffalo had gone and the Indians had to be fed. Then hard wheat, still the wealthiest crop. But relatively recently came irrigation on a large scale, and that is the word in Lethbridge today.

For irrigation made possible the sugar beet and one out of every 10 pounds of sugar which Canadians eat is produced right here; it brought vegetables and a canning industry, and last year 1,500,000 pounds of frozen peas were shipped to Ontario alone, it provided extra fodder for cattle; and it removed much of the curse of drought from a country which at best has a low rainfall.

It is also bringing more population per square mile—raising it gradually from three persons to 37, a stable population which should get along come boom or depression, dry year or wet.

There's oil around here too, not a great deal in production yet, but sharing Alberta's general optimism in this direction.

Irrigation

Take this matter of irrigation and forget for the moment the big wheat farms of this area which produced 42,000,000 bushels of wheat worth \$75,000,000 this year, and the large cattle ranches as big as 65,000 acres.

For irrigation makes possible the smaller farms of, say, 160 acres. They plant about 25 acres to sugar beets from which a farmer today can get \$300 an acre; some more to vegetables for canning which will bring \$125 to \$150 an acre; the rest to hay, oats, some wheat, these mostly for feed; and they add cattle and sheep.

About 536,000 acres now are irrigated in southern Alberta, but further big projects are afoot. There's the St. Mary-Milk river development, for instance, south of Lethbridge, which will have a dam creating a lake 17 miles long by six wide, and add another 400,000 acres. It will make possible 3,000 to 4,000 farms where now there are only 500. Altogether about 2,500,000 acres in southern Alberta may be brought in, and this is part of a larger western picture which envisages similar developments in central and southern Saskatchewan.

Sugar Beet Plants

It is fascinating to visit the sugar plants at Picture Butte or Raymond (or, later on, the one now building at Taber), and see the beets come in on belt conveyors, get stepped and

distilled, and see white granulated sugar come out at the other end of the plant. It is just 12 hours from raw beet till we're ready for your porridge.

You can taste it along the way, from the shredded white beet already naturally sweet, through the thicker and thicker syrups, until a sticky brown mass miraculously turns to pure white sugar as it is whirled at high speed, the molasses content going off through filters.

Fifty thousand tons of beets are stockpiled at Picture Butte alone at the moment, and 1,700 tons of sugar are processed there daily making more than 250 tons of sugar a day while the crop season is on.

About 17 per cent of the beet is sugar. What is left is pulp and molasses. That goes to cattle feed yards which have collected around Lethbridge, and some 50,000 cattle worth about \$15,000,000 on the hoof, think it good eating when it is mixed with grain. You think so, too, for much of that sugar you put in your tea, and much of that beet in your main course, came from the same thing, a great, big, white, ugly sugar beet.

Not that all western cattle are raised around Lethbridge—not at all, but a lot of them are; most of the others just have to do without beets.

And not to get in the hair of more populous Calgary, with its 100,000 people, or neighboring Medicine Hat, all southern Alberta doesn't belong to Lethbridge. It's field is the more southern part about 100 miles south of Calgary and 50 miles north of the international boundary, an area which needs a city of its own, which is fast-growing Lethbridge with 18,000 people and 35,000 predicted, a place of wide western streets and sunshine.

It's down near where the Crow's Nest pass leads into British Columbia, where the Kettle Valley railway runs west through Cranbrook, Nelson, past industrial Trail and on to Penticton and Vancouver. It's the way southern Albertans and southern British Columbians want the trans-Canada highway to run, easing their claims on density of population and the soft Chinook winds which would make a highway operational the year around.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS

BRIEFLY TOLD

A splendid balloon sent up in a balloon race at Carlsbad, Surrey, England, landed in Italy after apparently crossing the Alps.

The Society for Prevention of World War II at Salt Lake City has quietly changed its name to the Society for Prevention of World War III.

A set of stamps to commemorate next year's royal visit to New Zealand and has been approved by the King and already is being printed in Britain.

The British House of Commons gave its sanction in principle to the making of 1,000 miles of motorways similar to those built in Germany before the war.

Lord Ashfield, 74, who started work as a \$5-a-week office boy in Detroit and became chief of London's huge transport system at \$30,000 a year, died recently.

Canada may supply certain types of aircraft for a defence "pool" to be set up under the proposed North Atlantic security pact, according to an informed source in Ottawa.

New-look hair styles for men were fore-shadowed by E. Whitten, vice-president of the National Hairdressers' association in London. He believes men's styles will soon be as important as women's.

SPORT

Boston Bruins Heaviest Team In N.H.L.

For the third straight season, Boston Bruins have led the heaviest team in the N.H.L. The average weight of the 17 players on the Boston club this season is 177.5 pounds. Detroit Red Wings and Montreal Maple Leafs are close behind the Bruins in poundage with an average of 176.5 and 176.4 pounds respectively.

Average weight of the 18 players on the New York Rangers roster is an even 174 pounds. Chicago Black Hawks have a 172.2 average while Montreal Canadiens are the lightest team in the League with an average of 170.7 pounds per player.

Top weight for an individual player in the National League this season is 200 pounds and there are only five players in the league at that figure. They are Woody Dumart and Jack Crawford of Boston, Butch Bouchard of Canadiens, Harry Watson of Toronto and Doug McGeig of Chicago. Buddy O'Connor of Rangers is still the lightest player in the circuit at 142 pounds.

Last year Boston had an average of 180 pounds while two years ago the average was 179 pounds. A year ago Toronto had an average weight per player of 176 pounds while in 1946-47 the Leafs averaged 177 pounds per player. Detroit, who are the second heaviest squad in the League this season, were the second lightest team last year while in '46-47 they were just back of Boston with an average of 178 pounds per player.

Canadians were the lightest crew in the N.H.L. in 1946-47 with an overall average of 170 pounds but last year they were the lightest heaviest with an average of 175. Chicago Black Hawks, second lightest club this season, were the lightest last season at 164 pounds per man. Rangers had an average of 175 in 1946-47, and 171 in 1947-48.

KITCHEN MEDITATIONS

Twenty Below!

By JANE DALE

"Wrap yourself up warm Johnny. Mind it is twenty below. There is ice on the water trough. And diamonds in the snow. Don't stick out your tongue, Johnny. Against the old iron gate. Remember, it's right frosty now. Don't cry when it's late. You can hear the late train whistle. Though it's six miles away. Just like it's coming in the lane; The air is sharp today. Mind, now don't get cold, Johnny. And play out in the sun. Even when it's twenty below. A child must have some fun!"

UNEMPLOYMENT IN B.C. REACHING HIGH RECORD

VANCOUVER.—William Hogrobin, regional superintendent of the National Employment Service, said unemployment in British Columbia is developing into a chronic situation.

He estimated that the number of the year the number of unemployed in the province would rise from the present 22,000 to 35,000, highest in history. "Today, there are only 1,900 jobs available," he added.

"Reasonable layoffs, coupled with an influx of 400 persons each week to the province, can be blamed for the rise," he said.



RECEIVES \$12,000 VIOLIN FROM HOME TOWN — Donna Greace, popular young Winnipeg violinist, who is visiting Toronto, is shown with the \$12,000 violin presented to her by a Winnipeg civic committee. The first prize that Donna ever received was won with a violin that only cost \$5.

THIS IS A JOB THAT YOU CAN DO

By Edward L. Ross, Medical Director, Sanatorium Board Of Manitoba

If you had read in the papers that a large number of people had lost their lives in a train wreck, or in a fire, or that a mine had caved in, or that a whole shift of miners, you would quite naturally think this a shocking disaster. You would be even more concerned if you learned that these catastrophes could have been prevented. This social conscience sensitiveness is a fine and normal attribute but did you ever ask yourself this question... does it disturb me as much to learn that more than five thousand persons in Canada died of tuberculosis last year, 264 of these in Manitoba.

Yet tuberculosis, as much or more than these other disasters, is preventable. If all the cases of tuberculosis could be found and treated the disease might be eliminated within the life-time of the rising generation. Tuberculosis presents a challenge which we have so far met only in part. The toll taken by the disease has been reduced as much as 75 per cent. since the turn of the century and it is possible to wipe out the other 25 per cent. at will.

Each year at this time particularly, the Sanatorium Board offers you an opportunity to come in on the campaign against tuberculosis when you are asked to buy Christmas Seals. In Manitoba the money raised by the sale of Christmas Seals is, and always has been, spent within the Province for the prevention of tuberculosis, through the discovery of spreaders of infection and the finding of new cases early when treatment provides an excellent chance of recovery.

In Manitoba during the past two years 500,000 people have been x-rayed by mass x-ray surveys and free tuberculosis clinics. The whole Province has been covered and we are well on in the second round. This intensive and greatly increased program to discover new cases and seek out unknown sources of infection among apparently well people is provided by fully equipped and modern mobile x-ray units. It is financed by the Christmas Seal Sale and the fund-raising activities of the Associated Canadian Travellers. Not one cent is spent for sanatorium treatment which is free to the individual requiring it.

Tuberculosis is a communicable disease which can be kept from spreading by treating in sanatorium all those who have it in infectious form. The prime requisite in both prevention and cure is, of course, that the disease be discovered in its early stages. Tuberculosis in this early stage and often even when more advanced, does not produce symptoms—so the only sure way of detecting the disease in a person is by x-ray, and in a community by mass x-ray surveys.

Great strides have been made in controlling tuberculosis. In 1900 it was the worst cause of death. It is now seventh. This is a considerable victory yet it is not enough as it still remains the leading cause of death between the ages of fifteen and forty-five and is the most wasteful disease in life-years. Surely this is a challenge.

There is so much human suffering that is unavoidable, it is something to know that here is one place you can really help. You can be a partner in the campaign against tuberculosis by buying Christmas Seals. This is a job that you can do.

Possibility Of Producing Paper From Wheat Straw Investigated

EDMONTON.—Possibility of utilizing Alberta's large stocks of surplus wheat straw for paper manufacturing, is being investigated by the executive of the United Farmers of Alberta.

Reports received from the National Farm Chemurgic Council in the United States hint that manufacture of paper from straw may prove one of the major achievements in the field of chemurgy.

The species of fish called Dipnoi has lungs as well as gills.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By WILLIAM FERGUSON



ANSWER: Authenticated cases prove that this does happen occasionally.

LITTLE REGGIE



FRISCILLA'S POP—What Every Father Knows



—By Al Vermees

Rust-Resistant Wheats Add 40,000,000 Bushels To Harvest

(From Article by Duncan Dunbar in Toronto Saturday Night)

Without sowing an extra acre, farmers in Western Canada harvested 40,000,000 more bushels of wheat this fall than they would have done ten years ago. That's almost as much wheat as the Canadian people eat themselves. And 40,000,000 bushels would fill almost one-third of the year's supply under contract to Britain.

The 40,000,000 extra bushels represent the increased yield achieved by the introduction of rust-resistant wheats to western Canada. At current wheat prices, they also represent an additional \$94,800,000. In the nine years that rust-resistant wheats have been grown in the west, farmers have gained at least \$400,000,000 for a total outlay for Canada of only about \$2,000,000.

"For Canada" because agricultural scientists from the United States

have worked closely with Canadians in the battle against this disease that attacks cereal crops. North America, from the Red River to the Rockies, from Texas to the Peace River district, is one big cereal farm, with more than a 100,000,000 acres in crops of one kind or another. No where else in the world does rust have such an unrivaled opportunity to spread. There are no forests, no mountains, no great waters to bar the way.

Although rust is known in every province in Canada, the really bad area is located in Manitoba, and eastern Saskatchewan. The boundary of this area runs roughly north and east from Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, to Moose Jaw, Sask., then over to Humboldt, Sask., on to Melfort, Sask., south and east to a point on the Manitoba-Ontario border, about 75 miles northeast of Winnipeg.

In the 35 years, 1904-38 inclusive, 17 have been bad rust years, but 1916 was the worst. The loss in that year was over \$200,000,000. In 1923, another bad year, the loss in the Red River valley alone was \$50,000,000.

From 1929-35 inclusive, the average annual loss of wheat in Manitoba and Saskatchewan was 35,518,000 bushels, or 10.8 per cent. of the crop. But the loss is not confined to the yield per acre. The quality of the wheat suffers too. Kernels from the heads of rust-infected wheat are small, shriveled, and weigh less than those from rust-free crops. Rust-infected Marquis produces a bushel that averages nearly eight pounds lighter than that from rust-free Marquis.

IMMIGRATION INCREASES

OTTAWA.—Total immigration to Canada in the six-month period ended Sept. 30 was 112 per cent. greater than in the corresponding period of 1947, the resources department announced.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

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BURMA: LAND OF THE FROZEN FIRE

Asiatic Town Heart Of Ruby, Sapphire Mining Area



MINING FOR RUBIES—Left: Water washes gravel from pit mine's sides into pool at the bottom. Center: The resultant slurry is sent pumpily up into a basin. Right: From there the gravel is sifted very carefully for possible gems as it is washed down a

By WALTER BRIGGS

Central Press Canadian

MOGOK, Burma—Have you ever wondered when fingering a ruby ring or admiring a sapphire brooch just where these gorgeous gems originate?

Nestling in a small valley surrounded by mountains is Mogok—a town of frame houses on stilts along narrow cobblestone streets which slope toward two small blue lakes. About 400 feet above sea level, Mogok is roughly half way between the Irrawaddy river—of Kipling's fame—and the famous Leda road to China.

Mogok is the home of rubies, which the Encyclopedia Britannica calls "the most valued of all gemstones," and sapphires, which are only slightly less valuable.

Gem mining is Mogok's sole justification. It is the townspeople's chief preoccupation. "Ruby Town Health Home," says the sign—as if to emphasize this preoccupation—or the office of the bearded Sikh, who is Mogok's lone physician.

My guide here is a retired British army officer, Maj. C. M. Enriquez, 64, a student of Mogok folklore and gems. He has written widely on Burma, including books with such titles as *A Burmese Army* and *Beautiful Burma*.

The nearby mountains are part of the earth's original crust, Enriquez said, and are among the oldest in the world.

"The gems and other minerals—such as garnet, graphite and mica—were wrought by tremendous pressures of the earth's primal conflagration," the major explained to me. "Then added: 'The ruby deposits have just been scratched.'"

Mogok's history is shrouded. A Burmese royal edict in 1597 refers to the mines. The major believes that they probably were discovered by immigrant Chinese.

Several of antiquity's famous gems may have come from Mogok, Enriquez said. "To our knowledge a stone like the great spinel in the Maltese cross of the British imperial crown, which was given by Pedro the Cruel to Edward, the Black Prince, could have come from nowhere else."

Rubies are also mined in Siam, Ceylon, India and Afghanistan. A few, are found at Yogo Gulch, near

Utica, Mont., and Cowee Creek, Macon county, N.C. However, these mines are smaller than Mogok's and the rubies are said to be inferior. Nobody knows the size of the heaviest ruby ever discovered. The mines formerly were a monopoly of the Burmese kings, who claimed all stones over a certain weight. To avoid their seizure by royal inspectors, miners cut up large ones.

Mindon, next to last of Burma's kings, possessed a ruby the size of a small hen's egg, which he hung from the ear of his favorite elephant.

The heaviest known modern ruby is the Peace Ruby, discovered Nov. 11, 1915. It weighed 43 carats in its raw state, 24 carats cut—about the size of the marbles kids play with.

It sold uncut for 300,000 rupees (about \$3,000).

Raw sapphires come much larger, sometimes the size of the human head. The best portions are cut away.

Rumors persist that at least one ruby larger than the Peace Ruby has been discovered since, but that owners are awaiting higher bids or seeking to evade taxes.

Dealing in stones is conducted furtively. They are spread on a tin plate on a tiny table. Squatting beside it, the buyer states his price under the table—literally.

By pressing various finger joints, price. This is so that a competitive bidder may not know another's bid. The seller talks back in turn. This continues until a bargain is struck.

Stones valued up to 10,000 rupees are cut in Mogok. More expensive ones are sent to Amsterdam, London and New York.

Many of the buyers are Indians and Chinese. Sometimes buyers come from further away. The major tells of an American who arrived several years ago.

"One night he threw a big farewell party at the club, at which we noticed he continued to clutch a small leather bag. Accompanied by a heavy guard, he drove late that evening down to the Irrawaddy. A steamer boat whisked him, still guarded, to Mandalay."

"The guards stayed with him on the train to Rangoon. When he ar-

rived there he insured the bag—for 600,000 rupees."

Rubies and sapphires originate in the hard marble and limestone. They are sought, however, in gravel, carried into the valleys during millions of years of erosion.

A mine I visited was a pit about as wide as a city street and as deep as a two-story house. Reaching through bamboo pipes, water from hill streams far above was played on the pit's walls. Mud and some fell into a pool at the pit's bottom.

The mud was pumped up a steel pipe into a wooden trough where workmen deftly sorted it for the gleaming stones. From time to time we saw a workman put a stone into a cup of bamboo stalk.

Women re-examined the mud for small gems which are sold for watch jewels or embroidery or "constructed" rubies.

The mines are worked mainly by Shans, the natives of the region, who wear towels around their heads like women at the hairdresser's.

Nearly, other mines were employing other methods. In one method, the mine, they merely diverted a stream into a shallow trench.

In the twin, or well, method they dug holes about the diameter of a manhole 30 or 40 feet deep, then burned laterally like moles.

On other sites workmen were digging a pit, or tunnel, into hillsides, following natural crevices, which occasionally open into vast caverns.

The next time you drop into Tiffany's or your hometown jeweler's, think of this lacy valley town in upper Burma when you examine the rubies and sapphires, for the stones quite probably came from here.

TWO-YEAR TRIP AIDS TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

VANCOUVER—Geography lessons are going to be particularly enthralling for one class of Sapperton, B.C., students this year.

For a teacher they have 21-year-old Lucy Varty, whose first-hand knowledge of the remote places of the earth rivals that of many of an old salt.

Miss Varty arrived home this summer after a two-year sea odyssey aboard Rev. John Antle's review.

This summer she spent months with the "Grenfell off the west coast" navigating the intricate "inside" coastal waters.

She said she must take to a land-lubber's occupation in order to make a living.

"I think some day he'll be off to sea again," muses Lucy's mother. "It will be difficult to keep her on dry land forever."

BOOTLEG MARKET IN DEER CARCASSES

WINNIPEG—Provincial game wardens and G.C.M.P. were reported to be rounding up members of a ring operating large-scale bootleg market in deer carcasses. G. W. Malaher, director of the Provincial Game and Fisheries Department, said numerous arrests had been made in the area north of here.

Canada Leads World With Speedy New Jet Airliner

Canadian designed and built, the jet airliner being built at Malton, Ont., and expected to fly early next spring, puts Canada first in the world's fastest commercial transport. Illustrated here, the Avro C-102 will have four jet engines, carry up to 40 passengers, and cruise at a speed of 400 m.p.h. up to 30,000 feet.—B.N.S. photo.

HEALTH

Obesity — A Disease

Obesity—the state of being overweight—is a disease and a dangerous one, it is stated in the current issue of Health, magazine published by the Health League of Canada.

In an article, "Obesity and Health," Dr. N. Olney of Toronto says that obesity is one of the great problems of middle age—it is a definite deterrent to health. It may be classified into two main types, namely the acquired or simple type and the endocrine type which is due to glandular dysfunction. The acquired type is due to excessive intake of food or alcohol in relation to the amount of exercise.

Dr. Olney says that because of increased weight, muscular activity places a greater load upon the heart and the blood vessels. The result is that the heart works harder, and the blood pressure goes up to keep up the supply with the demand.

Diabetes is more common in the obese than in persons of normal weight. The incidence of gallstones is relatively high in the obese person, while individuals who are overweight are said to be less resistant to infections and are poorer surgical risks than those of normal weight.

Dr. Olney says the two types of obesity must be differentiated by careful history, physical examination and laboratory tests before proper treatment can be administered to the patient. He reveals that women are more predisposed to obesity than men in the ratio of 10 to 1, owing to pregnancies, lack of exercise, menopause and food habits.

In discussing simple obesity, Dr. Olney states that this type is usually the result of the consumption of a high calorie diet in excess of energy requirement. He warns, however, that overweight persons should not stick to any diet too rigidly "because the body must have certain essential foods in order to remain healthy."

"The regimens of many diet kitchens and often physicians' diet lists are frequently dominated by traditions and empirical notions," Dr. Olney says. "Many special diets are quite complex, unscientific, and often, if continued over a long time, are positively dangerous because of nutritional imbalance that induces defective conditions."

"In diet planning, one should adhere as far as possible, to the normal well-balanced diet except in certain cases of medical illness in which the balance of specific dietary essentials must be radically altered from the normal. Except in special temporary treatment, it is important to include in the diet protective foods that will provide all the vitamins, minerals and sufficient good quality protein."

"In certain restricted diets and in the treatment of conditions of malnutrition, the feeding of pure vitamins or minerals may be indicated to insure an abundant supply and to obtain quick improvement, but in general it is preferable to obtain a high intake of dietary essentials through the use of natural foods which are more likely to furnish other needed nutrients as well and be more pleasant to take."

Dr. Olney emphasizes that each obese person must be treated individually and his diet must be adjusted accordingly.

Helpful Hints

Instead of putting another blanket on your bed put a sheet over those already on, it acts as insulation and doesn't add weight.

First Aid to a white mark or ring on your table top is linseed oil, or half-half linseed oil and turpentine. Moisten a cloth with the linseed oil, warm, and rub the spot thoroughly. Hot linseed oil is good for filling in scratches too.

If you aren't sure fried chicken is done, cut through the thick leg muscle to the bone; if the meat cuts easily and there isn't any trace of red at the bone the chicken's well cooked.

Princess Margaret Rose Gets Laughs From Courtship Rumors

(By NORMAN CRIBBENS, Canadian Press)

LONDON—Since Margaret celebrated her 17th birthday more than a year ago, gossip has been busy with the names of no less than nine men as likely husbands. They are former King Michael of Romania, Prince George of Denmark, the Marquess of Milford Haven, the Marquess of Blandford, the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Dalkith, Lord Forchester, Lord John Hope, son of the Marquess of Linlithgow, and Lord Ogilvy.

Lately the list has been thinned down. Michael and the Earl of Derby have married, while Prince George of Denmark has publicly denied he is courting Margaret.

When the Marquess of Blandford was invited to Balmoral last summer it was rumored he was being put through his paces as a possible royal husband. But since his return from Scotland, he has been escorting Shaheen Douglas, daughter of the United States Ambassador to Britain.

The Marquess now is described as one of Princess Margaret's best friends—nothing more. The young Lords Forchester and John Hope also have been relegated to this category.

Most favored at present is the gay, good-looking Marquess of Milford Haven, who was the Duke of Edinburgh's best man at the Duke's wedding.

A former naval officer, he recently went to the United States as a radio salesman.

Royal circles believe Margaret has no favorite at the moment. But inevitably, every time she goes out with a young man, a new rumor is started. Friends say she laughs at most of these rumors but is irritated when gossip writers "go too far."

Newest Gadgets Very Definite Help To Blind

NEW YORK—A blind man can now thread a needle.

With latest gadget he can also play cards, checkers, go fishing, cook, cut a roast, even read a slide rule or a micrometer that measures to two thousandths of an inch.

These devices by which the blind can expand their vocational and recreational horizons are on display at New York headquarters of American Foundation for the Blind, which acts as a clearing house for information on such gadgets.

Much of the equipment has been developed and designed by blind people themselves and now is commercially produced.

Charles Ritter, foundation's supervisor of technical research, displayed a plastic and metal needle threader.

It was a noticably simple device, a metal hook, operated by a metal strip protruding from the end of the needle. The strip could be passed through the needle eye into a slot which receives the thread.

How does the blind housewife separate a thread? Simple. She uses a funnel which retains the yolk and allows the white to slip through.

Many Names Suggested For Royal Baby

LONDON—Why not call him Jake?

The Evening News, one of the newspapers conducting a poll on the most popular name for the Prince born to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, said that entry had come from Chicago.

"You can't imagine King Jake the First? Frankly, nor can I," said the Evening News columnist.

What name the baby will be given is Britain's favorite guessing game. Buckingham Palace sources say it is foolish even to guess.

But people everywhere are willing to help with suggestions.

The newspaper polls say the favorite names are Philip, for the father; George for the King; and Edward for the Duke of Windsor.

Among these, Philip is running first. One English housewife suggested Philip Edward Andrew Christopher Ernest.

"The first letters of these names spell P-E-A-C-E which is what every mother wants," she wrote.

Other suggestions have been Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano.

MONTANA CATTLE CHEW UP DYNAMITE

BILLINGS, Mont.—Montana livestock have been munching dynamite and fence posts.

Deputy Harold Price brought 78 sticks of dynamite to the sheriff's office here, saying it apparently had been scattered along a highway after it fell from a truck.

Price said a farmer reported his cows ate several sticks and a mother said children brought 14 sticks into her yard.

Another farmer reported neighbors' horses had eaten a fence consisting of cedar posts.

Smile of the Week—

NOT NOW
The customer was ordering a new suit. His tailor, however, told him it would not be ready for six months. "Six months?" cried the customer. "Why the whole world was created in six days?"
"True," said the tailor. "But have you taken a good look at it lately?"

Peacock Pattern



7362

Alma Books

You've a right to be proud of this handsome peacock embroidery! It makes just the perfect color-touch for your best linen.

King of Birds is framed in colorful flowers—easy. Pattern 7362 transfer of 4 motifs 6 1/2 x 14 inches. Our improved pattern—visual with easy-to-use charts and photos, and complete directions—makes needlework easy.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

PRECEPTS
Precepts are the rules by which we ought to square our lives.

—Seneca

The practices of good men are more subject to error than their speculations. I will, then, honor good examples, but endeavor to live according to good precepts. —Bishop Hall.

I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done, than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching. —Shakespeare.

Jesus' teaching and practice of Truth involved such a sacrifice as makes us admit its Principle to be Love. —Mary Baker Eddy.

God blesses still the generous thought, And still the fitting word He speeds, And Truth, at His requiring taught, He quickens into deeds.

The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.—Edgar A. Guest.

Reports World Air Gradually Getting Dirtier

NEW YORK.—The air of the entire world is getting dirtier, and the 19 deaths from smog at Donora, Pa., may be a warning. Much of this extra dirt is an invisible chemical fog, made of gases from an industrialized, motorized civilization.

The facts on world-wide pollution are published in the year book of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. These studies were made over oceans, the areas with the earth's purest air.

"The air about us," the report says, "is gradually becoming polluted with foreign gases. These gases owe their origin to varied industrial operations and to erupled gases from volcanoes."

The polluted atmosphere is not confined to land areas, but extends far out to sea.

The products of pollution appear to be gradually accumulating in the air over the ocean near industrial areas, near the principal ocean trade routes, and also over the more isolated regions of the ocean."

This over-ocean pollution, says the report, apparently about doubled from 1914 to 1929.

The Carnegie report does not specifically mention the pollution created by the average citizen, and his car exhaust.

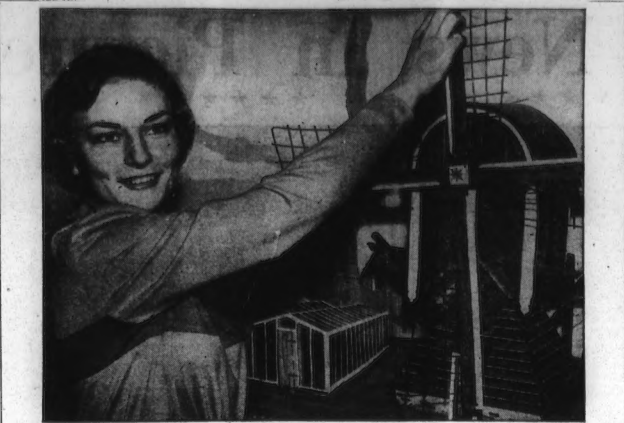
The air of cities is estimated to be about 800 times more polluted than ocean air.

In the average city Dr. Helmut Landsberg, of Pennsylvania State College, calculates that each person breathes in about nine hundred million very tiny particles—called nuclei—every minute, and that ninety million of them are retained.

Atomic energy, which contains the greatest of all potential dangers for poisoning the air, promises to be the turning point toward world wide policing for pure air.

KEPT RATIONS FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS

NOTTINGHAM, England.—Opening two tins she had kept for 33 years—one of asparagus, the other of "iron rations"—Mrs. J. Hinton, found the contents in good condition. The "iron rations" dated 1906, comprised cocoa and hard biscuits.



WONDERS OF ROYAL WINTER FAIR—Thousands flocked to Toronto from all parts of Canada to see the agricultural exhibits and numerous other wonders which were being displayed at the 20th annual Royal Winter Fair. Dutch windmill in front of the display from Holland is twirled by Lyn Hunter. At the horse show the musical ride of the R.C.M.P. squad was a feature performance. Army jumping teams from France, Mexico and Canada took part in opening ceremony of the fair.—S.N.S. photo.

Well-Known Seagoing Tugboat Still Busy

CHESTER, Pa.—Towing a disabled tanker 6,100 miles to Chester is nothing new for the Zwartee, a 793-ton seagoing tugboat, known the world round as "Old Rescue."

During the war, the sturdy Dutch tug saved hundreds of sailors, 52 ships which were torpedoed or mined, and thousands of tons of valuable cargo.

"Old Rescue" also marked up at least one Nazi ship to her war record, a submarine which inadvertently surfaced after sending several torpedoes into a freighter she was towing to port. A few well-aimed depth bombs did the job.

Since the war, the tug has pulled eight ships into port. In her crewed hull she has been kept for 33 years, headed back home last February when the disabled tanker turned up.

The endearing word "Mavroune" is derived from two Irish words, mo and mhuirne, meaning my darling.

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM BITT
Central Press
Canadian Writer

An orchid sold for \$10,000. It was of a very rare white variety and not as you probably suspected—the color of solid gold.

Joe Louis comes out of retirement to defend his world heavyweight title once more. He discovered that no matter how strong you are it is physically impossible to turn your back on \$100,000.

Scientists sank a camera a mile in the seller's hand he indicates his beneath the surface and photographed activities of a sea spider. The story didn't say whether or not the spider was badly engaged in catching sea flies.

The north pole, scientists tell us, is gradually growing warmer and warmer. However, it will be some time yet before Santa Claus finds it necessary to trade in that sleigh for a convertible.

English hat makers decree the current bare-headed fad. That's one custom they'd like to put a lid on.

A Temple university psychiatrist says "few people understand love". This may be the reason for the prevalence of that rather remark: "Now what in the world can she see in him?"

Men past 30 should develop a sense of humor, says a medico. In other words, don't most lost your joy—just grin and bear it.

Hockey game attendance figures show a big drop. Are the fans turning the cold shoulder?

Newest Engine Could Travel Through Earth

LOS ANGELES.—A scientist says an engine can be developed to travel through the earth, with underground warfare a possibility.

The statement was made by Dr. Fritz Zwicky, professor of astrophysics at California Institute of Technology and director of research for Aero-Jet, world's largest builder of rocket engines.

The scientist said studies are being made for "a propelled vehicle that will drill through the earth like a mole."

Such a machine he described as a "terra-pulse" engine. He said it would have great commercial use in drilling for minerals and petroleum.

Platachlo nuts may be reddish or yellow while on the tree; the kernel ranges from pale to green to cream.

A SCOTTISH CARTOONIST PORTRAYS "THE NEW MANDARINS"



—Sharpe, in The Glasgow Bulletin.

1,600-Mile Cattle Drive In Australia

One of the greatest cattle drives in the recent history of Australia will soon end when a mob of 5,600 Shorthorns will reach Wodonga in Northeast Victoria. The cattle will have been more than six months on the road and will have travelled 1,600 miles.

This drive began from the Diamantina River district of Western Queensland on June 11. The cattle were moved to avoid the drought conditions which have since become intense in the upper Diamantina country.

The greatest cattle drives in Australia's history, as far as both distance covered and time taken go, date back to the eighties of last century when the cattle country in the far north and northwest of the continent was stocked with cattle driven on right across Australia.

In 1883, for instance, the MacDonnell Brothers set out from a point near Goulburn, in Southern New Wales, to drive cattle to the Kimberley district of Western Australia. Two years later, in 1885, the cattle reached the Ord River after a drive of more than 8,000 miles. The cattle had also crossed the Ord River and were speared by wild blacks. Of eight men who started the drive five completed it.

Drives of almost equal length were made by Connor, Doherty and Durack to the Kimberley country, by Nat. Buchanan to Wave Hill in the Northern Territory and by other pioneers. In more recent years the Farquhar Brothers drove a big mob of cattle from the Ord River to the Queensland coast, a distance of more than 2,000 miles. The drive included the crossing of a waterless stretch of 90 miles.

Britain's Bees Have Right To Sting

MALTON, Yorkshire, Eng.—British beekeepers have a right of relief at a judge's ruling that bees have a right to sting.

Mrs. T. Mitchell charged in court that the bees of neighbor Francis Ellis had stung her 10 times in three hours, sent her to bed, and cost her husband 10 working days spent in nursing her.

She wanted an injunction and \$80 damages.

The judge dismissed the case, saying Mrs. Mitchell's feelings, more than anything else, were hurt when she was stung.

JAPANESE FIRM PAYS WAGES IN MOUTH ORGANS

TOKYO.—Employees of the Ogura Music Company were in a position recently to play the blues literally.

The company has gone bankrupt and is paying them off in its product—harmonicas.

Back wages and severance pay range from 15 to 25 month's wages apiece.

New Drug In Asthma Treatment

NEW YORK.—A group of Brooklyn physicians recently reported "striking results" in the treatment of bronchial asthma with a new drug. The drug, actually a combination of two drugs, is known as hydralin and was described as the most effective found so far in the treatment of asthma.

The report came from Drs. Harry Markov, Samuel Bloom, and Harry Leibowitz, of the department of medicine, division of applied immunology, Beth-el Hospital. Results of their studies, reported in the New York State Journal of Medicine, were based on 81 cases of allergy, including 48 cases of bronchial asthma.

The drug, they reported, is in tablet form. At the outset one tablet a day was given, and then the dosage was increased in some cases to six a day.

In a group of hay fever cases, 14, or 62 per cent, obtained definite relief, they reported.

They further said that in six cases of perennial allergic rhinitis the results were "disappointing, since in only one case was there any relief experienced."

However, in the group of 36 asthmatics complicated by or complicating nasal allergy, the results were decidedly better than have been experienced to date with other antihistamine drugs," they said.

An antihistamine drug supposedly neutralizes the action of histamine, the cause of many allergic reactions. The new drug, a combination of benadryl (a trade name) and aminophyllin, caused some unfavorable reactions, including drowsiness, weakness and dizziness, but the benefits gained in most cases offset the bad effects.

"From evidence presented in this group of 81 cases," they said, "It can readily be seen that the chief value of hydralin as an antihistamine agent will be in the treatment of bronchial asthma, either alone or when complicated by other types of allergy."

They said that "while the most striking results were noted in the treatment of bronchial asthma, hydralin has also proved of some value in the treatment of hay fever."

Ancient City Is Found In Jungle

MEXICO CITY.—Discovery of the ruins of a Maya city about 1,200 years old has been announced by Mexican archaeologists.

Cesar Lizardi Ramos, who headed an expedition into the jungle of Yucatan Peninsula in search of the ruins, said the city was known as Kana, and dated from around 750 A.D.

It is located about 180 miles south of Merida, capital of Yucatan State, and 38 miles west of the village of Carrillo Puerto, in the territory of Quintana Roo.

Lizardi Ramos said the most important finds thus far were three altars and two stone pillars with inscriptions in Maya picture language. One of the pillars, he said, bore a complete date in Maya with the notation that "the moon was 11 days old." According to Lizardi, Maya stone cutters marked that 11 days after the moon appeared that month. He estimated the date on the pillar corresponded to Nov. 13, 753.

Pasteurized Milk Is Safe.

ON THE SIDE

—By E. V. Durling

If of you dream at night,
To languish when you're out of sight,
If when you're gone to count each hour,
To ask for the all-ruling Power
That you may kind and faithful prove:
If this be loving—then I love.
To wish your fortune to partake,
Determined never to forsake
Though low in poverty you strive,
To hope that me your wife you'll call
To offer you my little all:
If this be loving—then I love.

How many things are cheaper than they were 40 years ago? Even a Young Old Timer with an unusual memory would have a struggle answering that query. However, there are such things. As for example the silver fox scarf, which about 1906 cost \$1,000. The silver fox was a scarce animal in those days. Gradually the number of persons engaged in breeding silver foxes increased. Now a silver fox scarf costs about \$45 and it is a better fur than the one that sold for \$1,000 in 1906.

HORSES AND WOMEN

That song titled "I Don't Want Her, You Can Have Her, She's Too Fat For Me" is distinctly unfair to plump women. It gives a wrong impression of the general situation. Some of the world's most loved women are in the plump class. Right now Philip Edwards, a London widower, is seeking through a number of newspaper advertisements a "short stout wife weighing about 15 stone." Fifteen stone is 210 pounds. You may wonder why Mr. Edwards seeks such a stout wife. It is because he was a very thin man, and he is now a stout woman who weighed 210 pounds. He wants his second wife to be as near like his first as possible.

SLOWED DOWN

After horse races thoroughbred are given saliva tests and other tests designed to determine if the animal has been doped. Something similar should be given to prize fighters. In some recent, peculiar-looking bouts, it appears the loser has done the best he could. Investigation has been unable to prove this. However, if an honest fighter has been given, unknown to himself, a slowdown pill or some preparation that dulls him physically and mentally, his best is not going to be his very best. The judges seem to have the New York State fight situation well in hand.



DeCew Falls MAY HELP IN SHORTAGE—State department and congressional officials expressed confidence in Washington that the U.S. will permit Canada to divert an extra 2,500 cubic feet per second of water from the Niagara river to the DeCew Falls generating plant during the winter months. This would generate an additional 1,250,000 kilowatt hours of 25-cycle power daily, which is enough to meet about 20 per cent. of the present shortage. "I believe both Canada and the U.S. could take an extra 2,500 cubic feet per second from the Niagara river without endangering the scenic beauty of the falls," said a high official of the U.S. federal power commission, which represents the U.S. interest in the Niagara power picture. Above arrow pictured over the DeCew falls shows direction of flow.—S.N.S. photo.

Jet Pilots Will Lie Down To Fly Plane

DATTON, O.—Air force pilots soon may lie down on the job.

Fast jet warplanes, with their altimeters, call for cockpit changes. The zero medical laboratory of the air material command at Wright Field has come up with an answer—the prone position bed for pilots.

One aim is to eliminate the drag-producing cockpit canopy. The other is to help the pilots withstand the great forces exerted in high speed turns without "blacking out."

The position is much like that of a person on his knees and elbows, with his toes slightly off the floor.

Body weight, except head and arms, is distributed over the nylon net. The pilot's head weight is carried on two chin pads of foam rubber covered with chamomile leather.

His arms rest on foam rubber pads in two metal pans, at the ends of which are pistol grips and levers for flight and power controls.

The arm rest themselves are the major flight controls and move sideways, up and down, forward and backward.

The pilot's feet rest against pedals to operate either brakes or rudder.

Canada's Health Program Praised

BOSTON.—The American Public Health Association in convention here lauded Canada's new national health program.

A copy of an adopted resolution was sent to Health Minister Martin.

It said the decision to distribute \$30,000,000 a year among the provinces to improve health "makes the year 1946 memorable in the annals of public health on this continent."

Stamps courtesy Alden C. Johnson, Toronto.

New issues recently received include (top left) Uruguay's stamp to the industrial and agricultural exhibitions of Andean countries; (top center) one of Bulgaria's stamps marking 25th anniversary of 1923 revolution; (top right) Paraguay's set to the centenary of its merchant fleet; and (below, left to right), a Greek stamp to mark the 1941 pacific invasion of Crete by the Germans; Czechoslovakia's stamp to Dr. Vantock, a leader of the national Sokol games; and Poland's stamp to the 1948 stamp fair.

Among the many ways of specialization, there is one which allows for a small stamp collection, which will be very interesting for the collector as well as to show to others. This is the collecting of tele-beche pairs.

This highly specialized form of stamp collecting consists of finding certain error types of stamps. The error occurs in the stamp printing process in many cases, resulting in one stamp being printed upside down. Thus South Africa has a tele-beche pair in the 1½-pence value of the King George V portrait stamp.

One stamp appears in the normal way, the other alongside is printed upside down. If the pair of stamps is separated there would be no difference in the stamp. The value of the stamps is in their being joined, yet being upside down to each other.

Printers or engravers making up the plates for stamps of this value in South Africa, placed one stamp design upside down, and the error was not detected till the stamps were on sale at the post-office, resulting in one of the few errors among stamps of the British Commonwealth. A pair of these stamps are valuable.

Among more recent issues are stamps of Belgium in various issues from 1926 on, featuring King Albert, King Leopold III and the coat-of-arms design. There is even a booklet pane of six stamps, two of which are inverted to form tele-beche pairs. Czechoslovakia has printed some of these errors in the 1920 issue. Switzerland is another country where the stamp printers made errors, and tele-beche pairs are known of one or

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FEATHERED HEADDRESS AT POULTRY SHOW INTRIGUES MODELS—One of 6,825 entries that were in the poultry show at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto is this created Polish chicken with its elegant head feathers. Two interested visitors are Jini McFarland and Non Lunnay, models from the fair fashion show. The poultry show is only one of the many events in which agriculturists from all over Canada exhibit their prize livestock and farm produce.—S.N.S. photo.



A KING-SIZED INCUBATOR as shown above was at hand as a precautionary measure during the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby.—S.N.S. photo.



JAP WAR CRIMINALS HANG—An eleven-power court in Tokyo doomed Japanese war criminals to hang. Hideki Tojo, premier of Japan, and six of his leaders died and 16 others were given life imprisonment. Fifteen war criminals were hanged on gallows like this in Germany during the past month. In Tokyo, similar gallows carried out the sentences.—S.N.S. photo.



ROYAL BABY'S FATHER—A son, who one day may rule the Commonwealth, has been born to Princess Elizabeth. The royal baby, who has been described as a "honey lad", weighed seven pounds, six ounces at birth. At 13 months, this is the royal baby's father, the Duke of Edinburgh, who saw his son, the baby prince, after he was allowed a brief visit with the princess.—S.N.S. photo.



WINS TRIP—Pretty Rita Hayworth of Vancouver, B.C., is on her way to the bright lights of New York. She won a "Daisy Mae" contest and the prize was an all-expense paid journey to the big city.—S.N.S. photo.



NEW GRANDPARENTS are King George and Queen Elizabeth, seen chatting with Viscount Alexander, governor-general of Canada, when he was in London for the unveiling of the memorial to Franklin Roosevelt. "It's a fine, spanking boy," said the King after seeing his grandson soon after birth.—S.N.S. photo.



TWO INJURED WHEN CAR LEFT THE HIGHWAY—A midget auto, driven by L.A.C. William Kensett, 28, Toronto, swerved off the road and plunged down a 75-foot embankment while a friend, L.A.C. Gordon Fatum, was reaching over to hand him a cigarette. The accident took place along the Queen Elizabeth Way, west of Oakville, Ont. Kensett suffered a broken neck and internal injuries in the crash. Fatum, who was only slightly injured in the crash, climbed back up the embankment and flagged a passing motorist to get aid for his friend. Above is the wrecked car seen after the accident.—S.N.S. photo.



STAND BY SON IN WALDORF MURDER—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barrows, parents of Ralph Barrows, Jr., who is held for the murder of Colin C. Mackellar, Montreal textile executive, at the Waldorf Astoria, are shown in New York as they appeared at the Tombs prison. They are divorced but have joined forces to aid their son in the forthcoming fight for his life.—S.N.S. photo.



"THANK YOU" PARTY—Hundreds of neighbors came to the birthday party which was given by Elmer Gibbons, of Stroud, Ont., seen here with his Dutch war bride. The guests were those who contributed \$1,000 in cash, grain, hay and livestock after fire had destroyed Gibbons' barn and season's crop late in August. The party was his way of saying "thanks".—S.N.S. photo.



FREAK ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF THREE-YEAR-OLD—Freak accident took the life of Kenneth Hardsand, three, seen with his dog, Laddie, who tried frantically to rescue him. Kenneth strangled while playing in his brother's car.—S.N.S. photo.



RITA HAYWORTH, with a shy smile on her face, poses for the press on a Pan American Mexico City-bound plane while her publicity shy prince, Ali Khan (son of Aga Khan, one of the world's richest potentates) hides out in the rest room of the airliner. The two have been linked romantically ever since they met on a vacation in France. Ali arrived from Asia recently. They refused to answer any questions referring to their future plans.—S.N.S. photo.



Circling and scratching of Laddie at the car, seen beside the Hardsand home at Kilbride, Ont., attracted the attention of the boy's mother, Mrs. J. F. Hardsand, who is deaf. She left her ironing and ran to the car to find her son's limp body hanging by the door.—S.N.S. photo.

Easy Living Gives Wives Time to Yakity-yak, Says Author

By Robert C. Beak

Man into a fellow the other day who says he knows what's wrong with women—married women that is—and why we get so many divorces and so much yuck-yacking and squabbling in the ivy-twined cottage. Says he demands to be heard.

"Trouble is," this fellow says, "They aren't tired enough. They have too much time on their hands, unless they have nine or ten kids hauling at them. They get so many shortcuts to housekeeping today that even the old lady finds the old lady fresh as a daisy. The old man staggers

home from a rough session at the ropewalk, or whatever, and this daisy dynamo is just laying for him. She has had all day to think about how women get the short end of the stick, and she's ripe for a row. Unless he everloving takes her out and wears her down on a dance floor somewhere she's a cinch to start drowsing on him before sack-time.

This man says that in the good old days of erstwhile yore, by the time the old man got home and settled down in the rump-sprung easy chair, Ma's tongue was hanging out and she was right pleased

to sag into her loveseat with the second session of the peas.

OUT OF THE RAY EARLY

"Take my Ma," this man said, "she was out of the hay at seven to fire up the stove and fix breakfast for Pa and the kids. She had to wash three sets of dishes and make all the beds. She had to lug the rugs out in the back yard for a going-over with the rug sweeper. We were going to have beans she had to string 'em or pick 'em or however it is you undress a bean."

"If we ate bread she made the bread, because self-remembered people didn't eat store-bought light-bread. If we had butter for the bread, she churned it herself. If you brought home a churn to the average woman today she'd plant a sprig of phytondendron in it. My Ma washed the clothes and ironed them, and she went to the store every day for the meat and potatoes. She fed the chickens and polished the floors and ground the coffee. She puttered around in the garden and looked after her rosebushes and whipped the children for their own good and worried about the budget. By the time Pa got home from commerce she was ready to wind the clock and call it a day. They stayed married 62 years."

The man paused for breath.

"Look at it now," he said angrily. "You buy a deep-freeze and go marketing twice a year. The electric washer washes and dries the dishes and the electric clothes-washer washes the clothes. The electric vacuum cleaner beats the rugs, and the coffee and the bread come ready for the table. Frozen foods make it unnecessary to shell a pea or string a bean or separate the spinach from the sand."

HEADFUL OF SOAPFLAKES

"You buy a performing stove and shove the eggs and coffee aboard it before you go to bed. The garbage-disposal unit grinds the garbage. With this diet nonsense you can get your nutriment out of pills. So they don't get tired. Pa comes home whipped and Ma comes home with a headache. She has been listening to the radio or reading the women's magazines all day, so her head is full of soapflakes and rabble-rousing, or she has spent all afternoon telling a psychiatrist that she isn't understood. So she takes it all out on the old man. He's worried and six-boiler and dog-tired, so he snaps back.

They finally get to bed and both of 'em are so mad they're insomniac, which leads to gooballs or straight rye-whiskey and that works on the nerves and the first thing you know she's in Reno and he's sitting up half the night with a busted flush or a quiet blonde. The family gets wrecked and the kids go to live with Gramma."

"Bring back the churn," says the man, "Bring back the carpet-beater and the ice-cream freezer. If we don't cut 'em down to our size we're done for."

These statements do not necessarily reflect the views of the author, who is a married man, himself.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council will be held in the

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Jesus came to children.
And, as a child, He lay
In a manger, near to Bethlehem.
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As a child, He sought them.
To tell of Heaven above.

He left His Throne to glory.
To make to children known
His own life in a story,
And call each one His own.

W.H.

In a stable, dim and warm,
Nestled in the fragrant hay,
Early, that first Christmas morn,
The Holy Babe, Lord Jesus, lay.
And, the first sunbeam, it is said,
Straight to the Infant Saviour sped

The legend, as the old men tell,
Says you may hear, if you believe,
The Heavenly Anthem, in echoes
swell.

Which angels sang, on Christmas
Eve,
With the first sunbeam of the morn,
On which Christ, our Lord, was
born.

The brilliant colors of the dawn,
From which the golden sunbeams
fly.

Are shadows of the glory won
By angels singing in the sky.
And, the first sunbeam, if we will,
Straight to the Saviour, leads us
still.

SEAL SALE

The Christmas Seal fund is nearing the halfway mark, both for the Province of Alberta, and for Red Deer and Central Alberta, according to C. Robert Dickey, general secretary of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association.

A total of \$3,250 has been contributed thus far in Red Deer and Central Alberta. It is reported by Her. Kerr, chairman of the Rotary Club Christmas Seal committee, sponsors of the Seal Sale for this territory. The objective is \$11,500, which leaves \$8,250 still to be raised. Mr. Kerr said he had every hope that this objective would be achieved by Christmas.

The provincial total reported by Mr. Dickey is \$34,000 towards an objective of \$125,000. Mr. Dickey said that this was the minimum figure

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

by Don Graham

It is a common fallacy that in order to "get along" with other people we should agree with them, accommodate them, and generally conform to their ways.

But the superficial kind of popularity gained by making too many concessions is not desirable. Moreover, people have a better opinion of the man who stands by his own beliefs and convictions—without being opinionated, narrow-minded or queer. The popularity he enjoys may not be so widespread but, being based on respect, it is much to be preferred.

By the same token, it never pays to act in any way foreign to our real nature. Trying to be someone or something we're not, blinding, pretending we like something we dislike—these and all other attempts to create misleading impressions put us under a strain. And this, in turn, distorts our personalities in a way that does not win friends and influences nobody.

So never imitate the chameleon or the ostrich. Always be yourself.

When a life insurance agent talks enthusiastically about the advantages of life insurance he is not just repeating what others say. He speaks from his own sincere conviction that there is no easier, more dependable way to provide protection for dependents and income for future needs.

Curling Notes

The president's side lost the first round played to start the curling season, and as a result had to pay for the supper held at the Rink last Friday evening. Judging from the large number in attendance it looks like a rip-roaring season ahead. The annual bonspiel is slated to begin on Monday, January 24 and invitations have already gone out to the neighboring clubs to send in their curlies.

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January 4 Crossfield at Beiseker	January 24 Beiseker at Crossfield
January 7 Crossfield at Irricana	January 29 Beiseker at Irricana
January 9 x Beiseker at Irricana	February 1 Irricana at Crossfield
January 15 Beiseker at Crossfield	February 4 Crossfield at Beiseker

Games Marked x will be played on Sunday at 2 p.m.
All other games in the evening at 8:30 p.m.